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THERMOPLASTIC SYNTHETIC  
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Sir:

As a precautionary measure, applicants request an extension of time, if needed and if not separately attached hereto, and authorize the Commissioner to charge the fee therefor to our deposit account in accordance with our standing authorization for such charges.

In response to the Office Action dated January 20, 2006, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Title:**

Please change the title of the application so that it reads in its entirety as follows:

--APPARATUS FOR PROCESSING  
THERMOPLASTIC SYNTHETIC PLASTIC MATERIAL--.

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Amendment  
Reply to Office Action of January 20, 2006

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**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Abstract** begin on page 4 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 5 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.